

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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May 8, 2022 | 10:00 am
4th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN GRACE

*A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.
Reminders: Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom.*

PRELUDE: JUBILATE DEO

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WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN 806 (VV. 1,3,4): I’LL PRAISE MY MAKER

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the LORD! O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

All: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens (Ps 113:1-4)**

+HYMN 815: GIVE TO THE WINDS THY FEARS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: When we feel all around it is dark and dismal, Lord, and there are voices murmuring all around us, saying: ‘This way...’ ‘No, that way...’ ‘Follow me and everything will be fine...’ How are we to know who to trust? How can we tell which voice is yours?

All: **Loving God, before the panic sets in and fear takes over, calm our hearts and remind us of what we already know: that the dangers of this life are real, and anyone who promises us a life without suffering is not to be trusted. The life of Jesus tells us that, as well as his words of warning.**

SUNG RESPONSE: JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD

John Bell

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.

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ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Gifted Peace by Jesus we are comforted, pardoned,
strengthened and cheered, better able to serve God Three-
In-One in the world and to live in the fullness of life that is
meant for all people everywhere. Peace be with you!

+SUNG RESPONSE: REACH OUT YOUR HAND IN PEACE Lucy Smith

**Reach out your hand in peace
Reach out your hand in peace.
Reach out your hand in peace.
In return you'll feel God's love.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 16:16-34

ANTHEM: SING A SONG OF JOY

Theron Kirk

MESSAGE "*A Messenger Came to the City*" Rev. John Dillon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING: WE ARE PRAYING

Ben Johnston-Krause

+DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+SENDING

+HYMN 853: SIYAHAMBA

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

MUSIC LEADERS: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS
ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL



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Hymn 806: I'll Praise My Maker

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the parentless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

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815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

Hymn 853: We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

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we are marching in the light of God.

Zulu/Xhosa

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

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